

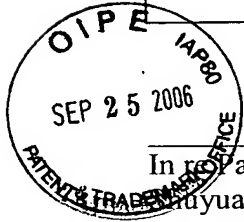
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PRODUCTION AND PURIFICATION OF
ADENOVIRAL VECTORS

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006, in which claims 70-72 and 74-98 are pending with claims 70, 72, and 75-97 standing rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a); claims 88-91 standing rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph); claim 79 (sic 77) being provisionally objected to and claims 71, 74 and 98 being dependent upon an otherwise rejected base claim but free of the prior art. This response is timely filed as a petition for a two month extension of time to October 2, 2006 is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.